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### 'Tsunami' Wins

When it comes to eating hot dogs, "The Tsunami" still blows everybody away. For the fourth straight year, rail-thin Takeru Kobayashi chewed up the competition at the Nathan's Famous hot dog eating competition Sunday.

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### Deadly Storm

Mudslides buried houses, and rescuers battled floodwaters to evacuate trapped villagers Sunday as tropical storm Mindulle swept over Taiwan. At least 53 people have been killed in the storm.

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### Metrosexuality

In 2002, the world was introduced to the concept of the metrosexual. Since then, the term has come to mean any straight guy who revels in exfoliation, hair highlights and trips to the spa—and knows how to whip up a mean Pad Thai and killer caipirinha.

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# Food shortage on Pagan, Agrihan

## Residents in dire need of food supplies

By JOHN RAVELO  
REPORTER

Over a week after Typhoon Tingting battered the Marianas, some 28 residents on Pagan and Agrihan islands are running out of food, according to the Emergency Management Office.

EMO director Rudolfo Pua said yesterday that a team would be dispatched to both islands to bring food relief to the residents.

"They're running out of supply," Pua said. "Agriculture was severely impacted by the storm."

The office of Northern Islands Mayor Valentin Taisacan and Northern Islands residents living on Saipan pooled the do-

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## In-house task force endorsed to tackle mining

By LIBERTY DONES  
REPORTER

The Senate has endorsed the immediate creation of an in-house task force at the Marianas Public Lands Authority to address pozzolan mining issues on Pagan.

Senate minority leader Pete P. Reyes said that, in a meeting Friday, lawmakers agreed to issue a statement pushing for the establishment of "a task force that involves residents of Pagan."

"It's not endorsing a task force to be funded through a reprogramming authority [as proposed by a House bill] but an

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## NMC remains on status warning

By LIBERTY DONES  
REPORTER

The Western Association of Schools and Colleges has kept the Northern Marianas College on warning status despite a recent trip of top NMC officials to California to meet with WASC officials on pressing college issues.

The college was placed on warning  
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### STAR-SPANGLED SKIES

Fourth of July fireworks explode in the sky behind the U.S. Capitol and Washington Monument, Sunday, July 4, 2004, in Washington.

AP

## Reservists face possible 2-yr tour-of-duty

By EDITH G. ALEJANDRO  
REPORTER

Reserve Army officers on Saipan received a briefing Sunday morning for possible active deployment early next year as support for the 442nd Infantry Brigade.

Reservists in the CNMI refused to comment on the briefing made by Army Reserve commander and deputy com-

missioner Franklin Babauta but initial reports disclosed that 80 to 100 reservists in the CNMI received immediate notification of possible deployment.

Sources quoted Babauta as saying that there is a 30-day call up on reservists, who may possibly be placed on a 24-month duty.

The source added that in the Department of Public Safety alone, there are

about 40 reservists who might be put on call, leaving the department—already besieged by personnel shortage—more vulnerable to problems due to the lack of officers.

"There is an estimated 40 police, fire and ambulatory technician-officers in the DPS who are part of this call. This would leave the DPS all the more short of per-

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Angello: Sell La Fiesta complex back

By LIBERTY DONES  
REPORTER

The college should sell the La Fiesta complex back to its original owner with “an offer it cannot refuse” to avoid further losses and just get on with the college’s on-site expansion program.

This is according to Jack Angello, a terminated NMC program director who is now applying—for the second time—for the college’s presidential portfolio.

The NMC, upon advice by an accrediting body, had opened a vacancy announcement for a president that ended on June 25 but was extended

up to this Friday, July 9, to ensure “a wider selection.”

The NMC reportedly received six applications, including Angello’s last month.

Angello said in an interview that he knows that his application faces a major hurdle due to his pending cases against NMC officials.

“All I can say is, ‘Excuse me, but my livelihood was ripped away from me and I have a right to contest it.’ But anyway, I hold no grudge. I will survive, thanks to my family and local support. So I’ll apply and wish for the best applicant to be selected,” he said.

Angello said he applied for the position “after being asked by several CNMI supporters.”

“However, I want to make it clear that I enjoy my present job at the Attorney General’s Office,” he said.

Angello said that, in case he is chosen, he has 10 priority measures for the college, with the immediate sale of La Fiesta being his No. 1 project.

“I would make an offer to Hotel Nikko that they can’t refuse,” he said.

He said Nikko, the original owner of La Fiesta, can keep anywhere from \$1 million to \$1.5 million of the original \$3.5

million purchase deposit of the complex, and return \$2 million to \$2.5 million to NMC for the needs of the present campus.

“I know Nikko will want to help the CNMI community and the local students so I don’t see them playing hard to reach on this proposal,” said Angello.

His second priority would be to pursue the proposed NMC Business Center on the current campus, which would cater to both local and international students.

“The price is right. It’s on NMC property and the USDA has already shown interest in this project,” he said.

Angello cited a recent letter from the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Rural Development that says the on-site expansion program may be eligible

for funding under the USDA’s Community Facilities Program.

Angello’s eight other priorities are:

- streamline NMC administration staff to maximize their talents and resources and not hurt island families by terminating breadwinners;
- create a clear picture of all the money that NMC receives from taxpayers, scholarships, and grants each semester. “NMC received millions of dollars in subsidized funding, so where did all that money go?” he said.
- stop bugging the Legislature for money all the time. “I think there’s adequate money to run the college since it has only a little over 1,000 students each semester and NMC is completely subsidized. Where else can you

find a U.S. community college that has all its local students eligible for CNMI scholarships and most are eligible for Pell grants?” he asked.

- give Saipan, Rota, and Tinian campuses more classroom tools;
- review annual spending and subsidies;
- make College Lab School feel more secure;
- arrange for the AGO to represent NMC in legal matters; and
- “return NMC to its roots as an island community college.”

Further, Angello said that he would be willing to take 10 percent off the advertised salary “due to the CNMI government’s current financial dilemma.”

An NMC president receives \$80,000 a year.

Local boy makes good with US Marines

By SHAN SEMAN  
REPORTER

About a year and a half ago, local athlete Juan Ogumoro left Saipan, trading in his track shoes for combat boots when he entered the U.S. Marines. Fast-forward to the present, Lance Corporal Ogumoro is back—at least temporarily—to spend quality time with his family.

Ogumoro, who arrived in the early hours of Liberation Day, July 4, made it in time to serve as escort for his sister, Liberation Queen Leiana K. Ogumoro.

“This is more meaningful because I’m not just escorting anyone; it’s my own sister,” he said during an interview shortly after the Liberation Parade on Sunday. “I am enjoying this.”

His visit was a surprise, as many members of his family did not know of his arrival. “No one knew, but now several people know after seeing me in the parade,” he said. “It caught them by surprise. I came out of the limo and I saw them. They looked at me and at first probably thought I was someone else.”

Ogumoro explained that throughout his visit, his main concern is to “spend time with family.”

“There are so many things I would like to do, but the main thing is for me to spend time with my family,” he said.

Ogumoro’s visit ends Thursday as he journeys off to North Carolina. Before his arrival, he was stationed at Camp Pendleton, California.

While at Camp Pendleton, Ogumoro said he occupied a leadership position that features teaching Marines with lower rankings on several issues, including “what to expect as a Marine.”

“I would consult with the higher-ranking officers, then teach things like ‘how to conduct yourself as a Marine’ or give motivation speeches, and even talk



SHAN SEMAN  
Lance Corporal Juan Ogumoro strikes a pose with 2004 Liberation Queen Leiana K. Ogumoro at the Hafa Adai Beach Hotel shortly after the Liberation Parade on Sunday.

about the benefits,” he said.

He also expressed his hope for more local citizens to enroll in any of the U.S. Armed Forces. “I would like more to enter,” he said. “It is a very good learning experience and is an eye opener as well. The benefits are also very good.”

An alumnus of Marianas High School, Ogumoro served three years in the school’s JROTC program before graduating. He then enrolled at the Northern Marianas College and earned a degree in Criminal Justice.

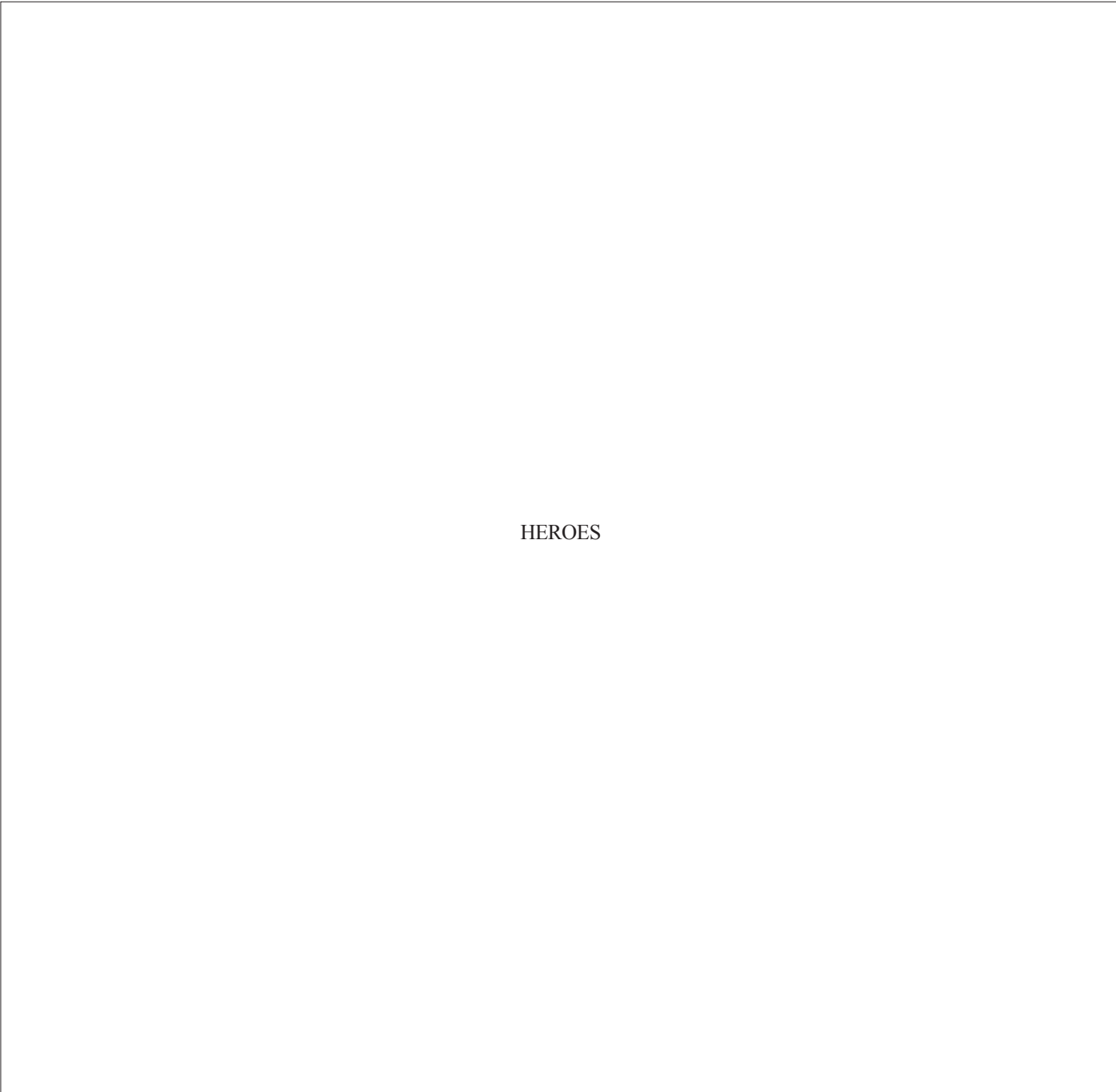
He also made a name for himself as an athlete, competing in various sports. He suited up for several basketball teams in the Saipan Rotary Club Summer Youth Basketball League and the Island-wide Men’s Basketball League, but really stood out during his stint in athletics, during which he ranked among the top athletes in the 400m and high jump. He was also a member of the CNMI National Track and Field team, competing in various competitions off-island. Before enlisting in the U.S. Marines, Ogumoro suited up for the Miller

Lite Barbarians in the Commonwealth Football League for two years, playing a big role in their championship run in 2002. He was also selected to the All-Star team in 2001 and 2002.

Ogumoro credited his father for inspiring him to enlist in the U.S. Marines.

“What motivated me the most to join the Marines is when my dad retired after 22 years in the Marine Corps. During his tour as a chief drill instructor for the 1st Battalion, his leadership and organizational and motivational skills set the standard for all drill instructors to emulate. His leadership styles were all unique and impossible to duplicate. I describe his leadership philosophy [as characterized] with fairness, firmness, dignity and compassion at all times. I am satisfied with what I have achieved in the Marine Corps. I encourage the younger generation from the CNMI to take up the challenge, keeping in mind that nothing comes easy and you must work hard and constantly strive to reach your goal in life,” he said.

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## COMMUNITY Briefs

### SNISWCD meeting set

The Saipan & Northern Islands Soil and Water Conservation District would like to inform the general public of their meeting on July 7, 2004 at 1:30pm at the Department of Lands and Natural Resources Office. For more information, contact 234-6170.

### OWWA open on Sundays

The Overseas Workers Welfare Administration of the Philippine Overseas Labor Office would like to inform the Filipino community that starting this month, the OWWA office will be open on Sundays from 10am to 5pm to be able to better serve OFWs in Saipan.

### SS visits to Tinian, Rota rescheduled

Social Security visits to Tinian and Rota, originally scheduled for this week, had to be cancelled because of Typhoon TingTing. The visits will be rescheduled for the week of July 12, dates and times to be announced later.

For more information, Tinian residents can call Social Security on Saipan toll free at 433-9421. Rota residents can call toll free at 532-9421. The local number on Saipan is 234-6203.

### MHS shelter opens

Effective immediately, shelter is open at Marianas High School. All individuals seeking shelter must report to Jose Borja at the Administration Office at Marianas High School to register. If you need transportation assistance, contact 664-3800, 3801, 3802.

### DEQ sets deadline for water report

The Division of Environmental Quality would like to announce to the owners and/or operators of all community public water systems that the due date for the annual Consumer Confidence Report for 2003 is on or before July 1, 2004.

All Community Public Water Systems are required to gather all 2003 analytical results and violations, if any, and produce a consumer confidence report, which will be disseminated to all consumers as well as provide a copy to DEQ.

DEQ also looks forward to reviewing and hopes to find all CCR's in exceptional order.

For additional information on the 2003 CCR, contact Tripler Dela Cruz of the DEQ Safe Drinking Water Branch at 664-8500/01.

### NMC English placement tests

Following is the schedule of our upcoming English Placement Tests:

**Thursday July 29**  
Room D-1 1pm-4pm  
**Friday July 30**  
Room D-1 5:30pm-8:30pm  
**Thursday November 4**  
Room D-1 1pm-4pm  
**Friday November 5**  
Room D-1 5:30pm-8:30pm

There is a \$25 fee for the English Placement Test that must be paid in advance at NMC's Finance Office (M-F, 9am-4pm). Students will not be admitted to the testing room without proof of payment-a receipt for either the placement test fee or the NMC application fee.

All students seeking a degree and/or certificate are required to take the English placement test.

### Residential, biz inspections in Kagman II village

The Division of Environmental Quality and the Bureau of Environmental Health would like to inform the residents of Kagman II village that on-site disposal system and premise compliance inspections would be conducted on residential and business facilities. The inspections has been ongoing since April 21, 2004 and will continue to be conducted every Tuesday and Wednesday.

Kagman II residents are requested to cooperate with inspectors in keeping their dog(s) on a leash, for the safety of the inspectors. Both BEH and DEQ inspectors are required to wear their respective uniforms and photo identification during all inspections.

For additional information on the OSDS inspections, contact the BEH office at 664-4870/2 or the DEQ office at 664-8500/1.

### Pag-IBIG refunds available

Pag-IBIG overseas program members from 1996-to January 1998 can now apply for a refund of their total contributions plus the 3-percent dollar interest tax-free.

"Just fill out a refund application form and you will receive your refund in U.S. dollars. After getting your refund, you can be a member again by submitting a new pop membership form and contributing a minimum of \$5.00 per month," according to a Pag-IBIG statement.

For a minimum contribution of \$5 a month, former members can also activate their Pag-IBIG membership in the Philippines using the same Pag-IBIG ID number.

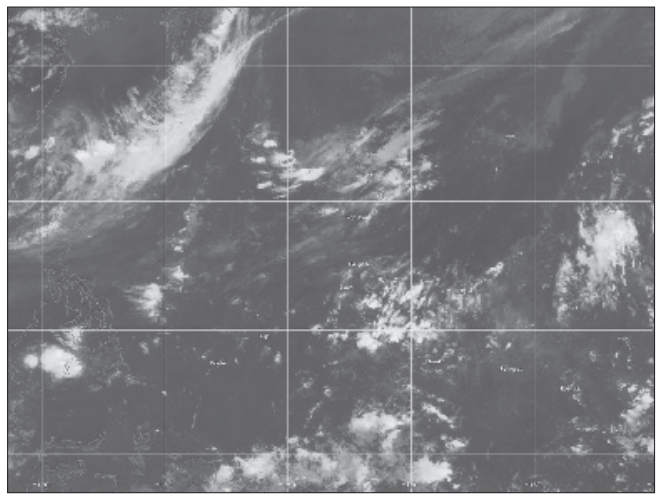
"Your contribution will be converted into Philippine pesos using the current conversion rate and it will earn a 7.5-percent peso interest. After 25 to 30 years from your initial contribution, you are entitled to a refund in Philippine peso of all your contribution including interest tax-free," the agency said.

For more information, call the Pop Saipan Office at 235-4749 or visit the Pop Office at the ground floor of the Nauru Building in Susupe and look for information officer Lynell F. Fulgencio.

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## WEATHER FORECAST



PICTURE TIME: 1:00 AM., JULY 5, 2004

Western North Pacific between Equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Upper-level lows are producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms between 11n and 15n from 144e to 152e which includes the Marianas...and between 22n and 25n from 153e to 157e. Divergent winds aloft are generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms near Wake Island between 12n and 23n from 165e to 172e. Convergent low-level winds south of Yap and Chuuk are producing scattered showers between the equator and 3n from 137e to 157e. Trade wind convergence is generating scattered showers between 1n and 9n from 170e to 178e. This area includes Majuro.



### SAIPAN AND TINIAN

Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

Winds: East at 10-15 mph. Highs around 88.



### GUAM AND ROTA



# Caution urged at Saipan, Tinian ports

By **AGNES E. DONATO**  
REPORTER

The Tinian seaport is now open to all kinds of vessels, but port officials urged ship captains to use extreme caution due to the presence of off-stationed buoys.

Saipan seaport manager Antonio Cabrera said Buoy No. 4 has been removed from the middle of the Tinian harbor channel on Sunday.

The buoy was displaced from its original position by the strong current during Typhoon Tingting, obstructing the entry of large vessels into the port.

“Buoy No. 4 is now located between Buoy No. 2 and Buoy No. 6. Therefore, port entry is permissible. [However,] masters and pilots are advised to exercise extreme caution when

advancing and transferring a vessel in this channel due to buoys [that] are reported off-stationed,” Cabrera said in a memorandum issued yesterday.

He also reported that except for Buoy No. 2, all buoy lights at the Saipan seaport are working and visible at night. Night entry and exit are therefore permissible, Cabrera said.

Masters and pilots are nevertheless asked to be cautious when entering the Saipan seaport, especially when transferring a vessel at the sharp bend of the channel, he added.

The Rota port remains closed, as underwater assessment continues at the channel, turning basin and the berthing area.

Commonwealth Ports Authority executive director Carlos Salas earlier expressed concern

about the safety of vessels berthing at the dock, saying there may be a deep cavity in the dock structure.

The harbor, which was repaired following the devastation caused by typhoon Pongsona in Dec. 2002, was damaged anew when Tingting hit the Marianas last week.

Salas said the harbor, located only about 300 to 400 feet away from the open ocean, is now among CPA’s top priorities for repair.

CPA, he said, would send divers to check the channel and turning basin for any debris or obstruction, and enlist the help of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the dock’s rehabilitation efforts.

# Head Start regional confab begins today

By **LIBERTY DONES**  
REPORTER

A four-day regional conference on Head Start program begins today at Marianas High School in Susupe.

Head Start community coordinator Malua Peter said this is the first time that the CNMI will host the annual event, which will be attended by participants from American Samoa, Chuuk, Guam, Hawaii, Kosrae, Palau, Ponape, Marshall Islands, United States, and Yap.

“It’s an honor for the CNMI to host this conference, which is one of the largest preschool, early childhood educational conference in the Pacific region,” said Peter.

The event, called Annual Outer Pacific Head Start Conference, is on its 8th year. It is sponsored this year by the CNMI Head Start Program and its grantee, the CNMI Public School System.

The local Head Start, headed by director Paz Younis, said the first three days of the conference will focus on activities

that will help participants learn more about each other’s success stories in providing basic education to children between the ages of three and five.

Conference participants include teachers, administrators, parents, and other educators from the region.

Head Start is a U.S. federally funded program that offers free basic education for children from low-income families.

This year’s conference theme is “Celebrating Excellence: The Pacific Way.”

# Fiji author draws lesson from South Africa

**SUVA, Fiji** (Fijilive/PIR)—Fiji’s quest for national reconciliation following the political upheaval of 2000 has been empty because Fiji has not found its “Desmond Tutu,” suggests Dr. Russel Daye, a lecturer and writer at the Suva based Pacific Theological College (PTC).

At the launch of his book, “Political Forgiveness: Lessons From South Africa” last night, Daye said that the national project of reconciliation has not come together as a dynamic initiative. He attributed this largely to a “poverty of moral authority.”

“None of the politicians key to this issue have been able to show such authority. Fiji has not found its Desmond Tutu—the one dominant personality who challenges and inspires the country to forgiveness and justice by leading by example.”

Tutu is the noted South African priest whose campaign against racial injustice won him the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984.

Daye said it is unlikely that a Fijian Tutu will come forward. He suggested instead that the leadership will come from a group of people from different sectors of society brought to-

gether for a common cause.

The book is perceived to be a useful guide to the best path to follow for national reconciliation in Fiji.

In the book, Daye, who lectures on Ethics, describes experiences in South Africa where he was based before coming to Fiji. He applies lessons from the South African experience to other parts of the world and raises questions that are relevant to Fiji today.

Bau chief and former High Court judge Ratu Joni Madraiwiwi was guest speaker at the launch at the PTC.

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# Liberation Day Snapshots



The United Filipino float was well decorated for the parade, drawing much attention.

EDITH ALEJANDRO



CASSIE DLG. FEJERAN

Members of the Man'amko Royal Court wave to the crowd while parading through Beach Road.



The CNMI Boy's Scouts were well represented during the parade.

MARK RABAGO

The 2004 Liberation parade featured 19 marching groups, including this one.

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Members of the Falun Dafa took part in the parade, marching and dancing along Beach Road.

SHAN SEMAN



MARK RABAGO

The crew from Pacific Islands Club huddle while dressed in various costumes.



These young ballerinas put on quite a show, performing a number in front of the review stand.

CASSIE DLG. FEJERAN



Riders from the Marianas Racing Association also took part in the parade.

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Marchers smile and wave for the camera while trotting along Beach Road as part of celebrating Liberation Day.



A member of the Koshiji Tomoe Drum Team beats on a huge drum during a performance at the Hafa Adai Beach Hotel Fiesta Hall shortly after the parade.

SHAN SEMAN



Little Miss CNMI Hope Gomez, left, and 2nd Runner-Up Reana Pangelinan show their Liberation Day spirit and wave to the crowd.

MARK RABAGO



The Carolinian Affairs Office float entertained the crowd with cultural dancing and music during the Liberation Parade last Sunday. The float placed second in the float competition.

MARK RABAGO



2004 Miss CNMI World Tracy Del Rosario, right, and Miss Teen CNMI 2nd Runner-Up Juliette Marie Teregeyo wave for the camera.

MARK RABAGO



ERRATUM

The caption for this picture, which came out in yesterday's edition, incorrectly identifies them as members of the Saipan Falun Dafa Association. The correct caption should read "Members of the Chinese Association of Saipan march during Sunday's Liberation Day parade." Our apologies.



MARK RABAGO

These kids prove that age is not a factor in racing.

A member of the Penina Ole Vasa float waves at the crowd during last Sunday's parade.

CASSIE DLG. FEJERAN



Liberation Queen Leiana K. Ogu-moro is escorted by Lance Corporal Juan Ogumoro during the parade.

MARK RABAGO



A motorcycle carrying flags of the CNMI and the USA makes a turn while circling along Beach Road during the parade.

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# Opinion

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# EDITORIAL







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## JAPANESE VISITOR

Japan's Koshiji Mayor Tsutomu Ono poses with friends while witnessing the 2004 Liberation Parade from the review stand on Sunday.

## RESERVISTS

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sonnel," the source explained.

DPS commissioner Edward Camacho himself is an Army reservist. It is unclear however, if Camacho would be included in this call.

The source added that families of reservists on Saipan have expressed fear for the safety of their loved ones since the call-up has been largely kept under wraps.

On July 2, reservists were first notified of the meeting to be held at the Reservists Office in Puerto Rico. The group was briefed about the move to put all military and reservist on alert for duty.

Rep. Ray Yumul, who is also a reservist and currently head of the House Committee on Commerce and Tourism, has refused to comment on the reported call to arms.

On Sunday, the 29th Infantry alerted more than 3,100 soldiers of possible combat duty. Of this, more than 2,000 are members of Headquarters Company; 2nd Battalion located in Hilo; 29th Support Battalion; 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery; 227th Engineer Company; and 229th Intelligence Company; about 650 belong to F Troop, 82nd Cavalry (Oregon); 1st Battalion, 184th Infantry (California); about 500 are members of 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry (Army Reserve), from Guam, Saipan, American Samoa and the neighboring islands.

The brigade and support units from Oregon, California, Guam, Saipan and American Samoa are already scheduled to begin 15 days of annual training on July 17-31 at the Big Island's Pohakuloa Training Area.

## IN-HOUSE

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internally established task force within MPLA that involves the Northern Islands mayor and residents," said Reyes.

The MPLA earlier said that the bill's proposed task force is unnecessary because the MPLA is capable of reviewing the mining applications internally.

Reyes, for his part, said an internal

## Camacho, Babauta to meet on deployment of police officers

By SHAN SEMAN  
REPORTER

Department of Public Safety commissioner Edward Camacho said he is scheduled to meet with Gov. Juan N. Babauta and members of the department tomorrow to discuss personnel issues.

This comes in the wake of the call to active duty of CNMI reservists—many of whom are police officers.

Earlier, Babauta said he has instructed Camacho to come up with a strategy plan on how to address the personnel situation in the department due to its number of employees who are enlisted in the local Army Reserve.

Camacho said yesterday that plans are already set; these would not be made public until tomorrow.

"We have plans. However, I have yet to receive clearance to release anything," he said. "I will be meeting with the governor and we will be addressing it [tomorrow]."

On Sunday, Babauta said that CNMI reservists are being called to active duty and will be deployed to either Iraq or Afghanistan beginning this week. About 83 CNMI reserv-

ists, including 30 police officers, would be deployed.

He said Army Reserve company commander Franklin Babauta informed him that that the local Army Reserve has been notified for such deployment.

A government source disclosed that about 40 ambulatory technicians and fire personnel from the DPS are on the list for deployment.

The source added that the deployment of the local troop would be done within 30 days.

This comes after the Pentagon announced last week the involuntary call-up of inactive personnel to reinforce depleted missions in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Reports indicate that about 150 reservists on Guam, 75 percent of Hawaii's Army National Guard, and 600 of American Samoa's 650 personnel have been put on alert for deployment to Iraq.

As early as last year, U.S. military officials had cautioned of an exodus of active and reserve forces if the U.S. is unable to recruit international troops or prevent continued violence in Iraq. (*With Liberty Dones*)

Although the dates and location for the mobilization were not included in the alert order, officials said the biggest demand for troops is in Iraq.

More than 311,000 of 1.1 million ac-

tive Army, National Guard and Army Reserve soldiers are now serving in overseas assignments. In Iraq alone there are 141,000 soldiers with some 135,000 in Afghanistan.

The senator said that, although Pagan is public land, it does not authorize MPLA to handle the case unilaterally.

"Public land means the land is owned by the people of the CNMI. MPLA is only representing the people that own the land," he said.

MPLA earlier noted that it—not the Legislature or private individuals—have the ultimate authority on the use of Pagan land, citing the lack of ownership by any person of the land.

## NMC

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status in January this year due to its failure to submit annual audit reports on time in the past few years.

In a statement, NMC acting president Antonio Deleon Guerrero said "the Commission acted to keep the college on a warning status" and required it to submit a progress report by Oct. 15, 2004.

He said several working committees have been formed to address WASC's recommendations.

"The college administration is working diligently to ensure that we meet all the Standards of Accreditation, as well as in addressing the new standards regarding student outcomes. We have formed several working committees charged with the task of producing results that both address the Commission recommendations as well as improve our institutional effectiveness," said Deleon Guerrero.

He said both he and NMC Board of Regents chair Kimberlyn King-Hinds are strongly committed to addressing the recommendations of the commission. The two officials were the ones who met with WASC officials early last month.

In an interview following the meeting, King-Hinds said that, while she was optimistic about NMC's overall standing now, she could not tell whether the accrediting commission would soon lift the college's status warning.

"There's no assurance that the warning would be removed soon," the board chair had said.

She had noted that Barbara Beno, WASC's executive director for the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, was "personally impressed with the progress" at NMC.

During the meeting, the two college officials reported that NMC received

\$600,000 in new funding from the CNMI government to prevent a budget shortfall this year.

The team also reported the college's decision to put on hold the Pacific Gateway project in La Fiesta for lack of funds.

College authorities said that WASC is most concerned about NMC's financial standing in relation to its acquisition of the La Fiesta complex.

King-Hinds earlier said that WASC officials asked more questions about La Fiesta.

"Their main concern is NMC's finances. They query our ability to operate two campuses," she said.

King-Hinds said that WASC accepted all the reports submitted by NMC last month, including a revised progress report on audits and financial condition, the revised Focused Midterm Report, and the report of the evaluation team that visited the college in late April 2004.

"We are pleased that WASC accepted all our reports and did not place the institution on probation. However, the fact that we are still on warning status tells us we have a lot of work to do to get NMC to where it not only meets WASC standards but also exceeds the expectations of the Commission. The BOR is aware of the areas of concern that must be addressed and we hope to begin tackling the issues before the next WASC visit in October. It is also important to thank the dedicated staff and faculty who worked diligently to meet the expectations of WASC," said King-Hinds.

Deleon Guerrero said that Beno wrote recently commending the college for its recent efforts to improve the clarity and accuracy of its reports to the Commission.

"Professional self-regulation is the most effective means of assuring integrity, effectiveness, and quality," Beno had said.

## FOOD

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nated goods, which would be shipped to affected residents on Agrihan and Pagan possibly today.

Pua said the shipment would take at least a day of sea travel. He said the EMO was arranging with the entity that uses the Saipan Crew Boat.

As of press time, however, Pua could not quantify the volume of food stock that would be brought to Pagan and Agrihan as relief assistance.

The 28 residents of Agrihan and Pagan belong to seven families, the EMO said.

## Relief for Saipan residents

The American Red Cross' CNMI chapter said it has disbursed some \$17,000 so far as relief assistance to residents affected by the onslaught of the typhoon.

Red Cross executive director John Hirsh said the group has provided help to at least 40 families, who were given cash grants ranging from \$240 to \$1,400 each.

Hirsh said the Red Cross ascertains the severity of the losses incurred by the families to determine the amount of cash grants that would be provided them.

"Somebody even lost his entire home," he said.

Hirsh said at least three houses on Saipan were destroyed, while 225 others sustained damage. He said some 25

houses on Tinian were also damaged. There was no significant damage to houses on Rota, he added.

Hirsh said the Red Cross also provides food and blankets to evacuees taking refuge at the Marianas High School.

## More donors

As of yesterday, MHS acting principal Joseph Borja said the number of evacuees went down to 75 from 93 last Friday. "We have community members helping," he added.

Besides lauding the Red Cross and the EMO for providing food to evacuees, Borja said community groups have extended services and goods to alleviate the conditions at the temporary shelter.

Carmen's Baby News department store donated baby diapers for infants staying at the evacuation center, while Karidat provided evacuees pillows and clothes.

The Thespian Club organization has been entertaining kids at the shelter through theater presentations, according to Borja. He said the MHS P.E. department also provided basketball and volleyball for evacuees' use during their stay at the school. Borja urged donors to provide videotapes for children.

Heavy rainfall accompanied Tingting's strong winds, damaging homes and causing massive flooding in several portions of Saipan. The cleanup operation continues amid yesterday's fair weather condition.



## Business

# US, Morocco sign free trade accord

The United States and Morocco has signed a bilateral free trade agreement in Washington that will immediately eliminate tariffs on 95 percent of bilateral trade in consumer and industrial products, with all remaining tariffs to be eliminated within nine years. The FTA also significantly reduces barriers to U.S. agricultural products and services.

According to a press release from the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, this FTA, signed on June 15, is an example of how trade fits into the Bush administration's overall policy toward the Middle East.

"Step by step, the administration is working to build bridges of free trade with economic and social reformers in the Middle East," USTR Robert Zoellick said. "Our plan offers trade and openness as vital tools for leaders striving to build more open, optimistic, and tolerant Islamic societies. In Morocco, Jordan, Bahrain, and elsewhere, we are laying the building blocks that will lead to President Bush's vision of a Middle East Free Trade Area."

Meanwhile, on June 15, President

Bush formally notified Congress of his intent to enter into an FTA with Bahrain. As a result, the two countries will be able to sign this FTA as early as mid-September. Negotiations with Bahrain were concluded on May 27 after only four months of talks. Under this FTA, 100 percent of bilateral trade in consumer and industrial products, and nearly all trade in agricultural products, will become duty-free immediately upon the FTA's entry into force.

The Washington Times also reported on June 11 that Taiwan plans to boost its efforts to secure a bilateral FTA with the United States. However, U.S. officials continue to say that an FTA will have to wait until Taiwan makes more progress on implementing its WTO commitments, citing intellectual property rights, rice, pharmaceuticals, telecommunications, and government procurement as particular areas of interest. Some Taiwanese officials have said that an FTA with the U.S. is vital to ensuring that Taiwan is not marginalized by mainland China's growing economic might.

## US, 5 countries sign trade deal

The United States and the Central American countries of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua had just recently signed the US-Central American Free Trade Agreement.

While this ceremony marks the conclusion of regional negotiations, CAFTA must still pass the U.S. and respective foreign Congresses before entering into force.

Trade Promotion Authority, or so-called fast track, which grants the President authority to negotiate trade agreements while preserving Congressional oversight, expedites the FTA approval process. Now that CAFTA has been signed, TPA requires that the President submit to Congress a description of any necessary changes to current US law within 60 days, or by July 27.

Additionally, the International Trade Commission must submit to the President and Congress a report detailing the impact of CAFTA on the overall US economy and specific industries within 90 days, or by August 26. However, it is our understanding that the CAFTA report likely will be completed in less than 90 days, as the ITC reports on the Chile and Singapore FTAs were.

The President must also submit implementing legislation to Congress. It is unclear at this time when the President will submit such legislation. TPA does not specify any time limit for this particular action, but only requires that the legislation be introduced in both the House and Senate on the same day. When the legislation is submitted, it will start a clock that provides Congress

with 90 legislative days to vote on the agreement. TPA prohibits any amendments to the bill.

The 90-day legislative clock allows 45 legislative days for the House Ways and Means Committee hold a hearing/markup and report the legislation to the full House. The House then has another 15 legislative days to vote. The Senate Finance Committee has 15 legislative days after the House Ways and Means Committee vote to report companion legislation to the full Senate, which then has 15 legislative days to vote.

It is possible that a vote in Congress will take place after the Presidential election, possibly during a lame duck session in November. For such action to be possible, the President would likely have to submit the legislative package in September.

# Report urges American firms to outsource jobs

By PAUL BLUSTEIN  
THE WASHINGTON POST

A report by an influential consulting firm is exhorting U.S. companies to speed up "offshoring" operations to China and India, including high-powered functions such as research and development.

In blunt terms, the report by the Boston Consulting Group warns American firms that they risk extinction if they hesitate to shift facilities to countries with low costs. That is partly because the potential savings are so vast, but the report also cites a view among U.S. executives that the quality of American workers is deteriorating.

"The largest competitive advantage will lie with those companies that move soonest," the report states. "Companies that wait will be caught in a vicious cycle of uncompetitive costs, lost business, underutilized capacity, and the irreversible destruction of value."

Boston Consulting, which counts among its clients many of the biggest corporations in the United States, admonishes them that they have been too reluctant rather than too eager to outsource production to "LCC's," or low-cost countries.

"Successful companies ask themselves, 'What must I keep at home?' rather than 'What can I shift to LCC's?'" states the report. "Their question is not 'Why outsource to LCC's?' but 'Why not?'"

The report, released in May, has gone almost unnoticed amid generally upbeat news as strong economic growth has begun fueling an increase in jobs, diminishing public debate about offshoring.

But the report's conclusions underline the intensifying pressures on corporate

America to shift jobs overseas. Although many economists believe the trend will benefit the U.S. economy overall by improving productivity, and that new job creation will more than compensate for the jobs migrating to China and India, the study suggests that the movement of jobs abroad is likely, if anything, to accelerate strongly in coming years.

Particularly troubling is the report's information about confidential discussions with executives at Boston Consulting's client companies, many of whom conveyed low opinions of their American employees compared with labor available abroad. Not only are factory workers in low-cost countries much cheaper—well below \$1 per hour in China, compared with \$15 to \$30 per hour in the United States and Europe—but they quickly achieve quality levels that are "equivalent to or even higher than ... (the) best plants in the West," according to the report.

"More than 40 percent of the companies we talked with expressed significant concerns about the erosion of skills in the work force," the report states. "They cited machine operators who are unable to handle specialized equipment properly or to make the transition to new work materials. In contrast, LCC's provide large pools of skilled workers who are eager to apply their 'craftsman' talents."

Midlevel engineers in low-cost countries, the report adds, "tend to be more motivated than midlevel engineers in the West." It cites General Electric Co., Motorola Inc., Alcatel and Siemens AG as examples of companies that have set up research and development centers in both India and China "to leverage the substantial pools of engineering talent that are based in the two countries."



### A NEW YORK MINUTE

Unidentified Chevron official, center, checks his watch after the opening bell was accidentally rung a minute early before trading at the New York Stock Exchange in New York Wednesday, June 30, 2004. A member of the delegation of Chevron Texaco officials accidentally rang the bell at 9:29 am, one minute before the NYSE opens.

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# Asia

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# World

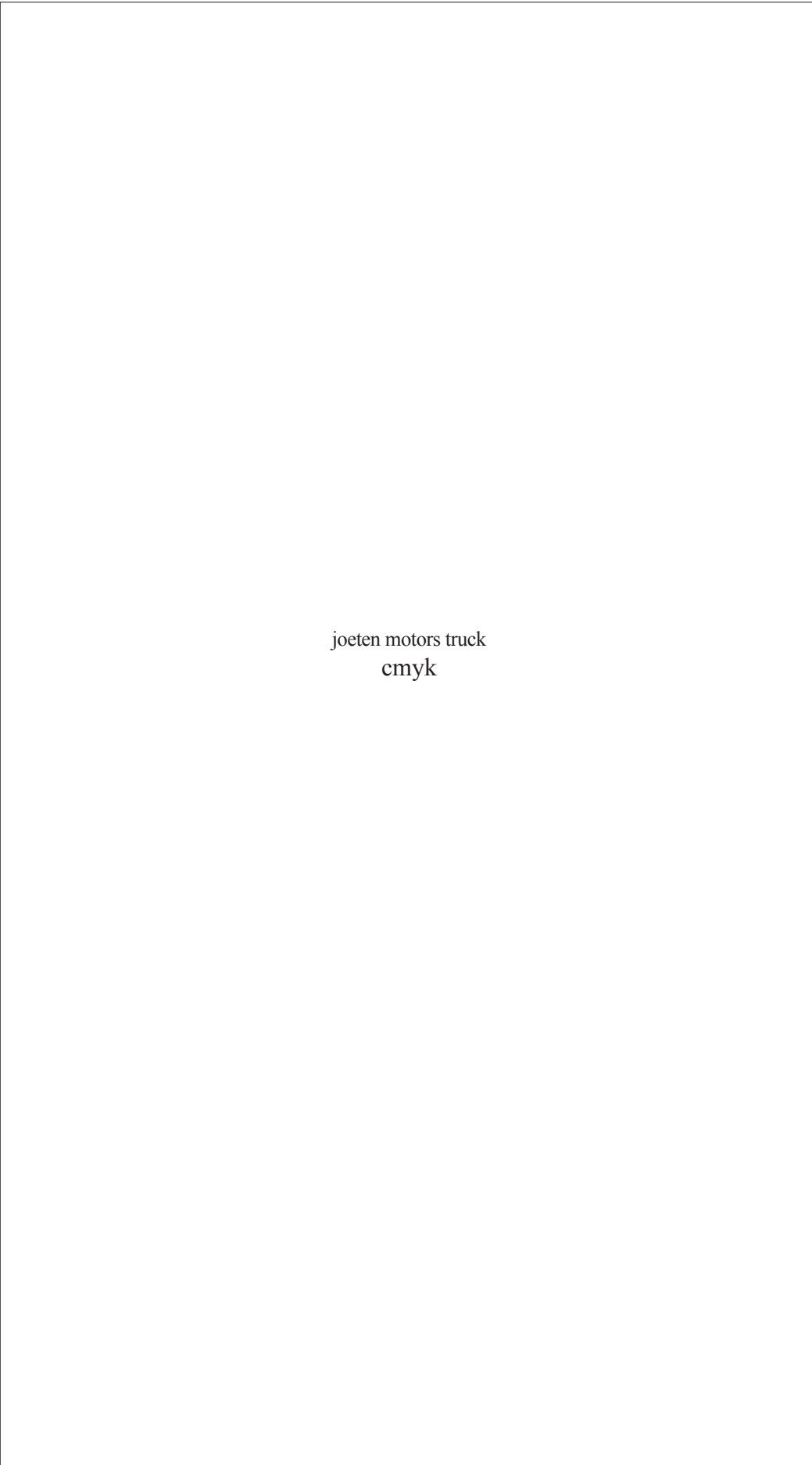
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## Life & Style

# Fluff the pillows, metrosexuals are here to stay

In 2002, the world was introduced to the concept of the metrosexual, which writer Mark Simpson defined thusly: "The typical metrosexual is a young man with money to spend, living in or within easy reach of a metropolis—because that's where all the best shops, clubs, gyms and hairdressers are. He might be officially gay, straight or bisexual, but this is utterly immaterial because he has clearly taken himself as his own love object and pleasure as his sexual preference." By GREG MORAGO for The Hartford Courant

Since then, the term has come to mean any straight guy who revels in exfoliation, hair highlights and trips to the spa—and knows how to whip up a mean Pad Thai and killer caipirinha. In short, a girly guy who's interested in girls.

While that might not be the original definition, it certainly fits for a growing number of "Queer Eye"-friendly men who don't sweat being labeled unless, of course, you're talking about Dolce & Gabbana.

By 2003, the metrosexual became so pervasive that, in January, the American Dialect Society named "metrosexual" 2003's Word of the Year.

So now, we must ask, if the metrosexual is so pervasive, does it risk being passe? Is today's metrosexual yesterday's pashmina scarf? Are metrosexuals so in, they're out?

Fear not, mud-masked fellas, your metrosexuality is safely within the boundaries of pop-cultural trendiness, thanks to "The Reluctant Metrosexual: Dispatches From an Almost Hip Life."

The book of humorous essays by Peter Hyman, to be published later this month, puts metrosexuality back in the spotlight, at least for the summer. According to an early review in Publishers Weekly, "Hyman comes off as an everyman probing the outer edges of modern, mainstream, urban existence, and his essays recount his exploits with startling, often hilarious results" (including his appointment with Hans, a gay masseur, whose hands get a little too close "to the unauthorized no-man's-land").

Just to make sure the metrosexual was still a valid concept in today's ever shifting pop culture, we checked in with Michael Flocker, author of the witty "The Metrosexual Guide to Style: A Handbook for the Modern Man." Published last year, it was the first (and remains the definitive) source for defining and understanding the metrosexual. Flocker, it seems, has been quite busy doing press for the book, which is now in print in 10 languages.

Has the metrosexual set his eyes on global domination, intent on making hair gel, 400-count Egyptian cotton sheets and heirloom tomatoes part of every man's lifestyle? Here's what we found out:

**Question: So, the whole metrosexual thing isn't over?**

**Answer:** "To be honest, the term itself might have a shelf life, but men's awareness of style and what's available to them isn't going to be decreasing any time soon. The cat's out of the bag."

**Q: The metrosexual has gone global?**

**A:** "European men, in general, tend to be a little more fashion-forward than their American counterparts. It's no surprise to me that it's popular there. But it's being published in Japan, Brazil, Argentina, China, even Russia."

**Q: What's driving the expansion?**

**A:** "Men are becoming more and more



educated. Think of something as simple as shaving cream. Men have grown up with the can of foam. Well, now they try things, and they find, wow, there's something that doesn't make me itch and turn red."

**Q: What is the definition of a metrosexual?**

**A:** "One of the defining things is that the metrosexual is in touch with his feminine side, which can be misinterpreted in a

thousand different ways. It's not about doing girly things; it's about being a more well-rounded person, not being defensive about their masculinity. There used to be these extremes for women of the gay best friend and the caveman boyfriend. The reason women like the gay best friend is that they could talk to him about things they were interested in. A hypermasculine guy rejected that. The new modern guy is simply less threatened."

**Q: Where does the metrosexual go from here?**

**A:** "The metrosexual is evolving; it's inevitable. Society is changing at a faster pace than it ever has. Think of the generations of what men were like in the '50s and '60s and how rigid they were. They parted their hair on the side, and they wore a gray suit. Now you see 15-year-old boys asking their mothers for \$100 highlights. At one time that would have gotten them sent to the psychiatrist. Teenage guys are very aware of hair, the right kinds of jeans, and that's new. Boys, especially, never used to care about those kinds of things. That's an indication that it's filtering down and permeating society."

**Q: So the term metrosexual might not be new, but the phenomenon continues to evolve?**

**A:** "The novelty of the concept may be over, but now it's jumped to the dos and don'ts. Men want to know. It's like, 'OK, I know what it is, but what should I be doing? What should I be wearing? What should my sunglasses be like?'"

## Relax guys, aging with style is not difficult

By KORKY VANN  
SPECIAL TO THE HARTFORD COURANT

Here's the good news: The days of the "full Cleveland"—that classic male retiree ensemble of white shoes, white belt and after-dinner-mint-colored polyester jacket—are numbered. The bad news is that some aging baby boomers have replaced their father's retirement wardrobe with what could be called "the full Nelson" (Willie, that is)—graying ponytail, faded rock-concert T-shirt and jeans. Fashion experts don't see the trend as much of an improvement.

"As they age, people tend to stay with the same hairstyle and clothing they've always worn because they think it makes them look younger," says Leon Hall, co-host of E! Entertainment Television's show "Fashion Emergency."

"But the effect is just the opposite. A guy over 50 with stringy gray hair,

sagging, grubby jeans and a Grateful Dead T-shirt stretched over a spreading middle doesn't look young, he looks appalling. For this generation, it's a fashion gaffe as bad as a leisure suit."

Statistics bear that out. According to a survey done by Just for Men Hair Coloring, almost three-quarters of those polled said the most notable sign of aging for men is out-of-style clothing. But separating the Forever Young generation from their rock 'n' roll gear is easier said than done. Research done by Cotton Inc.'s Lifestyle Monitor shows male consumers are driven by custom and habit. Once they find a store they like, they stick with it, even if the merchandise is geared to a younger, trimmer crowd. Close to half will only stop wearing a garment when it no longer fits. (Just 10 percent stop wearing something because it's out of style.) The Monitor also finds that an overwhelming majority of men

(88 percent) plan to continue wearing jeans regardless of their age.

There is help for the aging fashion-challenged man, say Kathryn Novakovic, director of fashion marketing for Cotton Inc. Companies such as Levi's, Dockers, Ralph Lauren, Tommy Hilfiger, Tommy Bahama and Brooks Brothers have targeted boomers with new lines of casual, well-fitting, stylish yet comfortable clothing.

"Designers have made it easy to look good. They recognize that bodies change as folks get older, so they've designed relaxed-fit clothing. They know that people today want a casual but not sloppy look, so they developed fabrics in great blends that are wrinkle-free and stain-resistant," says Novakovic.

If you're going to wear jeans, advises Novakovic, make sure they fit perfectly and are a current style. Consider pairing them with an unstructured cotton blazer. Replace your old T-shirts

with new versions in solid gray, black and classic white. Trade in your old running shoes for good casual shoes, such as loafers or dock shoes. Other wardrobe staples include a well-cut blazer or sports coat, classic crew or V-neck sweaters and coordinating socks. Consider your build when choosing styles such as pleats versus plain-front trousers, and buy pants that fit. Avoid the belt-above-or-below the-stomach-look. Choose colors that complement your hair color and skin tones.

If you're not sure if something works or fits, consult a salesperson or a well-dressed friend for help.

"Once you have the basics, you can fill in with a few new pieces each season. You don't have to spend a lot to look good," says Novakovic. "Taste is available at all price points. Stores like Wal-Mart, Target and Sears all carry well-designed men's clothing lines. Nicely tailored khakis and a polo shirt in a fashion-forward color, for

example, is an easy look that works whether you're 45 or 80."

Good grooming is another key to an updated appearance.

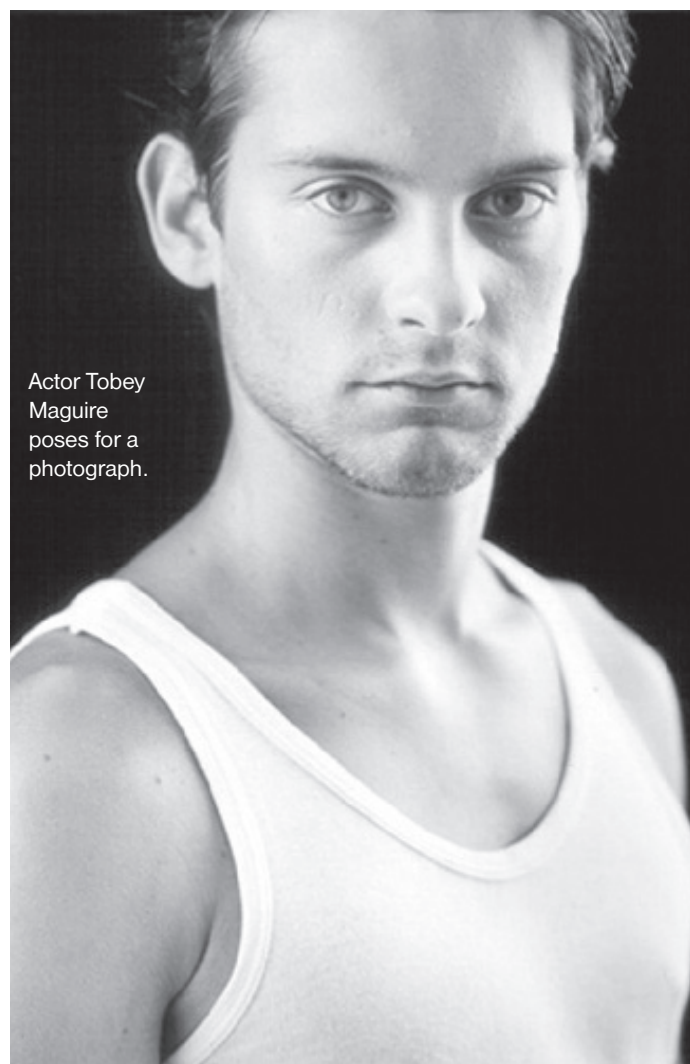
"To age with style and grace, you have to know how to adapt trends to your own needs," says Hall. "You've also got to have a good haircut, trimmed brows, beard and mustache and clean nails. Got hairs sprouting out of your ears and nose? Get them trimmed. Wearing sandals? Make sure your feet and toenails are fit to be seen before you uncover them in public."

And don't even consider a comb-over.

"If comedians make jokes about something in your wardrobe or your hairstyle, it's a good clue you should get rid of it," says Hall. "Sometimes the comb-overs are so bad, I can't even figure out where the hair originates from. There's a fine line between being cool and hip and being a caricature of your younger self. Real style is ageless."



# 'Spider-Man 2' set to top five-day mark



Actor Tobey Maguire poses for a photograph.

By **DAVID GERMAIN**  
AP MOVIE WRITER

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Unofficial estimates Sunday put the gross for "Spider-Man 2" in the \$150 million to \$155 million range since the film opened Wednesday, which would shatter the record for best Wednesday-Sunday opening set in May by "Shrek 2" with \$129 million.

"Spider-Man 2" distributor Sony declined to provide weekend estimates Sunday, saying it would wait to report numbers Monday. But other studios generally were tracking "Spider-Man 2" at about \$90 million for the three-day weekend, which followed an estimated \$64 million take on Wednesday and Thursday.

Official figures Monday could vary considerably, since the timing of the Fourth of July on a Sunday throws off the formulas studios use to calculate weekend grosses. Studios base their numbers on actual Friday and Saturday grosses, with estimates added for Sunday's take.

"People are very distracted on the Fourth. Usually it's barbecues and fireworks, not mov-

ies," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box-office tracker Exhibitor Relations.

At around \$90 million, the movie's estimated Friday-Sunday haul would fall well short of the record \$114.8 million opening weekend of "Spider-Man" two years ago. The original "Spider-Man" opened on Friday, though, while the sequel debuted Wednesday, and millions of fans already had seen it before the weekend. "Spider-Man," which opened in early May, also didn't have the handicap of a Sunday holiday.

Besides breaking the five-day debut record, "Spider-Man 2" was poised to shatter the previous high for best first six days, held by "The Matrix Reloaded" at \$146.9 million.

If estimates from other studios are right, "Spider-Man 2" passed that mark in just five days. The film will pad its six-day figure Monday, when many people will be off work for the holiday and free to catch movies during the day.

Last Wednesday, "Spider-Man 2" took in \$40.5 million, a record single-day debut that beat the previous high of \$39.4

million set by "Spider-Man."

Last weekend's top film, Michael Moore's "Fahrenheit 9/11," held up strongly, taking in an estimated \$17 million from Friday to Saturday. Doubling its theater count to 1,725, "Fahrenheit 9/11" pushed its total to \$56.1 million and has a good shot at becoming the first documentary to top the \$100 million mark.

"I can't predict, but I think we have a terrific chance," said Tom Ortenberg, president of Lions Gate Films, one of the distributors of "Fahrenheit 9/11," Moore's assault on President Bush's actions regarding the Sept. 11 attacks. "Regardless, the picture is an overwhelming success."

No other wide-release films

debuted against "Spider-Man 2," but three new movies did well in narrow release.

Debuting in 16 theaters, Kevin Kline's Cole Porter film biography "De-Lovely" took in \$289,000 from Friday to Sunday for an impressive average of about \$18,000 a theater.

In 20 theaters, Ethan Hawke and Julie Delpy's "Before Sunset" grossed \$229,000, averaging about \$11,500 a cinema. The film reunites Hawke and Delpy with director Richard Linklater in a follow-up to their 1995 sleeper hit "Before Sunrise."

Robert Redford's "The Clearing," in which he plays a kidnapped businessman, opened in 56 theaters and took in \$458,836, averaging \$8,194.

## Playing the woman behind the music

By **DESSON THOMSON**  
THE WASHINGTON POST

**WASHINGTON**—Ashley Judd throws a pink ball across her hotel room. One of her two cockapoos—either Buttermilk or Shug—runs for it. In town recently to promote "De-Lovely," a film about Cole Porter's complicated relationship with his wife, Linda (played by Judd), she exudes physical busyness. She confesses she can be "manic" when it comes to certain things, like traveling, or following her husband, race-car driver Dario Franchitti, around the world for his races.

But preparing for a movie role, she says, is an easier task. "It's just reading," she says. She did a lot of reading for "De-Lovely." Linda Porter, a hearty supporter of her husband's music and the inspiration for many of his songs, had to live with a man who was far more physically attracted to men. The movie is about, among other things, how she keeps up her love for her husband, despite a nonphysical relationship.

Playing Linda appealed to Judd, she says, because "she was really rich. I thought it would be fun to play someone so rich. And stylish and smart. And independent. An emancipated woman in the Jazz Age, unconventional and with her own convictions. Very impressive lady."

In terms of Cole Porter's homosexuality, "I think Linda knew everything. Maybe it's not on a higher plane. A love about two people who authentically

knew each other for who and what they were. ... They had a love and understanding that did not have a sexual basis. She was an incredible, kinda high-class enabler of his music."

Linda's real concern, Judd continues, was when Cole's behavior in Hollywood "became outrageous and was a threat to his well-being. That was a time when homosexuality was not only viewed as terrifically aberrant but it was illegal. ... There was no telling what could have happened to (Cole), this cherished American who really reigned in this country for several decades. ... I don't think the public knew."

The interview is going amicably until there's mention of a certain tabloid TV special ("The Judds: E! True Hollywood Story") that recently aired tacky implications about Judd's family, which includes the singing mother-daughter duo, Naomi and Wynonna. According to the special, when Ashley Judd first joined, she was voted the most likely to quit her acting class at Playhouse West Repertory Theater, under acting teacher Robert Carnegie.

"I think I share that distinction with Dustin Hoffman and Gene Hackman, who received similar lack of confidence from their fellow students. Good company."

She says it with the kind of tone that could cause frostbite.

"The thing about that network (E!) is, you lie down with dogs and you get up with fleas,"

Judd says. "I disapproved of the entire thing. The train had left the station, and they were going to do it regardless of what we felt about it. I know some people chose to participate to direct them in an honest way. But I haven't seen it; I won't see it. It's as much a tabloid as the National Enquirer. I have no respect for it and what they do. And I'd like to pinch people who watch it to get them to wake up."

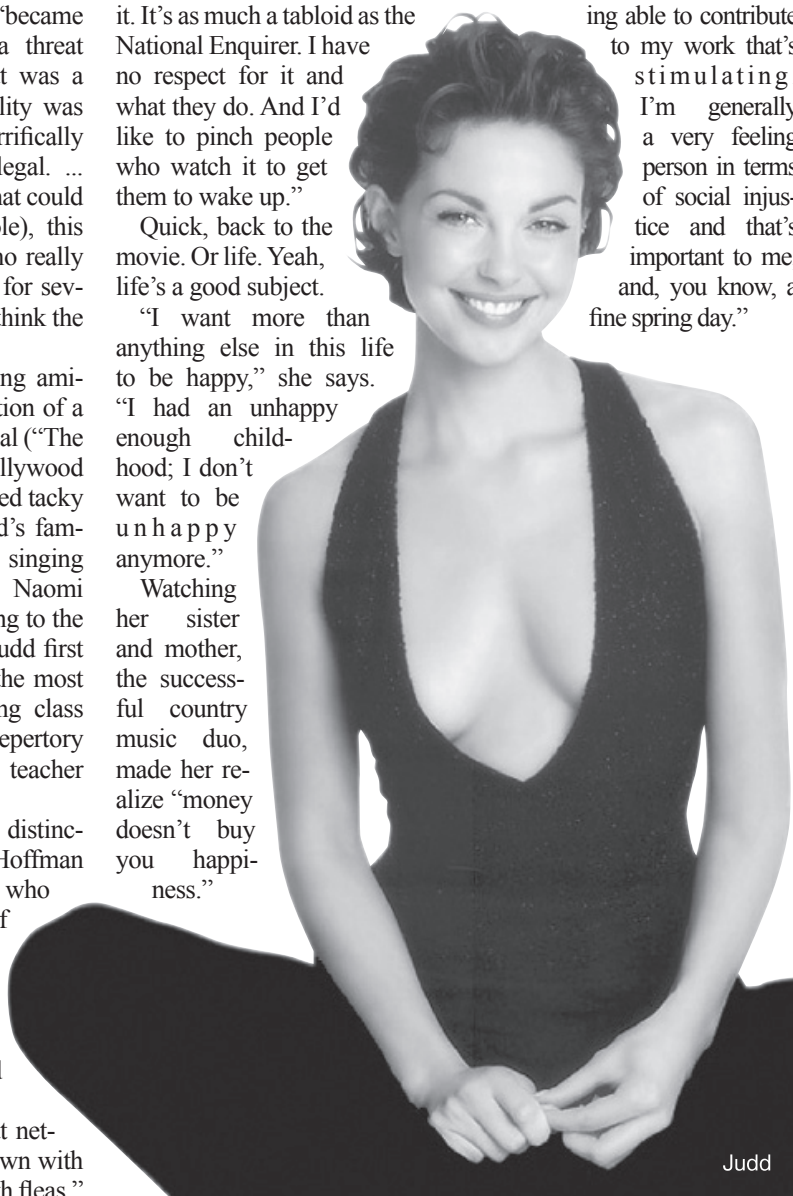
Quick, back to the movie. Or life. Yeah, life's a good subject.

"I want more than anything else in this life to be happy," she says. "I had an unhappy enough childhood; I don't want to be unhappy anymore."

Watching her sister and mother, the successful country music duo, made her realize "money doesn't buy you happiness."

What does give Ashley Judd happiness?

"Work is a part of that, the extent to which I can be both creatively challenged and fulfilled. Like operating on a few levels simultaneously, maybe it's the right brain and left brain, being able to contribute to my work that's stimulating. I'm generally a very feeling person in terms of social injustice and that's important to me, and, you know, a fine spring day."



Judd



## Program for troubled marriages undertakes complete overhaul

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

**DEAR ABBY:** "Distancing in Washington" wrote that after 10 years of marriage and two daughters, she and her spouse are on the verge of divorce. You recommended Marriage Encounter.

Abby, her difficulty appears to be a bit beyond the scope of Marriage Encounter. Marriage Encounter is for marriages in good shape looking to improve.

I suggest she check into Retrouvaille.org. This international program was developed in 1976 by Marriage Encounter couples in Quebec, Canada, for the purpose of addressing serious marriage problems. Let me give you an analogy: Marriage Encounter is a "tune-up" for marriages NOT in crisis. Retrouvaille is an overhaul for marriages in danger of falling apart.

Retrouvaille places strong emphasis on the communications techniques needed to repair hurting marriages, including 12 post-weekend sessions of about two hours each. My wife and I have been involved in both programs. (All the people involved in Marriage Encounter and Retrouvaille are volunteers.) The steps in Marriage Encounter are romance, disillusionment and joy. In Retrouvaille, the steps are romance, disillusionment, misery and hope.

G.H. FROM ARIZONA

**DEAR G.H.:** Thank you for straightening me out. I would like to add that although Retrouvaille is a program under the umbrella of the Catholic Church, Catholic theology is NOT part of the program and a couple's religion (or lack of religion) is never a factor—nor is anyone's financial status.

Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** "Distancing in Washington" said that she is no longer attracted to her husband and that her two beautiful daughters come first before anything. Her problem may be that her priorities are out of order.

Children should be a welcome addition to the family—not the center of it. She and her spouse need to make a date once a week to focus on each other and remember the reasons they married. Children eventually leave—if you do your job right.

READER IN CORAOPOLIS, PA.

**DEAR READER:** I agree.

**DEAR ABBY:** My blood froze when I read the letter from "Distancing in Washington." She should run with her husband to their doctor and ask for a complete physical exam with blood work. If he won't go, she should talk with his doctor.

My kind and gentle husband of 10 years sat me down a week ago and told me he's addicted to pain pills and has been for three years. (His doctor had prescribed them to control chronic back pain.) Her letter scared me because that is how it all started in my marriage—with fights, loss of affection and physical contact. My friendly, well-educated, hardworking husband slowly turned into a withdrawn, exhausted stranger who snapped at the kids, ignored me and couldn't keep a job.

I thought he was depressed, tired, getting old and no longer in love with me. Now I find that he has a terrible addiction. Please urge "Distancing" to seek help now—before she is in my position. I am hanging on by my fingernails hoping my wonderful husband will reappear out of the wreckage.

KNOWS BETTER NOW IN MAINE

**DEAR KNOWS BETTER:** Thank you for the reminder that changes in personality can indicate that something is medically wrong and should be brought to the attention of one's physician. I'm keeping my fingers crossed for your husband's recovery.

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*Dear Abby*

# John McEnroe serving up own talk show

By DAVID BAUDER  
AP TELEVISION WRITER

**ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS, N.J. (AP)—**In a cable TV world where a host's ability often seems measured in volume, who better to hire than John McEnroe? You cannot be serious!!! Yes, we are. The former tennis bad boy is now a talk show host, but he's not shouting.

"McEnroe," which debuts on CNBC Wednesday at 10 p.m. EDT, will be a cosmopolitan mix of topical guests, music, art, sports and a lot of comedy. In test runs, the program's eclectic mix of guests feels like an expanded version of the second half of Jon Stewart's "The Daily Show."

He may even do a monologue.

"I'm not at the point in my life where I want to be really serious," said McEnroe, 45, who strummed a guitar in a recent conversation on his show's set, still under construction. "At this point, I want to have more fun."

McEnroe's sidekick is former VH1 video jock John Fugelsang. One of the show's featured elements is the "Mac Attack," where Fugelsang peppers McEnroe with rapid-fire questions.

A comic bit with potential involved a multiple-choice test

for viewers on the common side effects of much-advertised prescription drugs.

It felt surprising not only because it was counter to type - the fixed image of McEnroe as an on-court rant - but because CNBC initially positioned "McEnroe" as a counterpoint to Dennis Miller's political talk show that precedes it each night.

For those keeping score at home: CNBC's prime-time features a comedian who wants to be a right-wing politician and an ex-jock who wants to be a comedian.

The network is in the process of reconstructing a prime-time lineup that's been in shambles since Geraldo Rivera left for Fox News Channel in 2001. CNBC's daytime business audience flees at night, so management is trying new things to entice viewers.

Miller's average viewership of 236,000 through June is a 19 percent increase from the same period last year, according to Nielsen Media Research. CNBC doesn't have much to lose in McEnroe's time slot: the current business program is averaging 189,000 viewers this year.

CNBC is still looking to fill the 8 p.m. time slot. Until then, it will be part of NBC's formidable promotion machine, airing reruns of "The Apprentice" and "Meet the Press" this fall.

"I think people will see that we're in the process of building a lineup and we're not done yet," said Pamela Thomas-Graham, CNBC's chief executive.

She was attracted to McEnroe's personality. He's been branching out into entertainment as a much-praised tennis commentator and as host for a short-lived ABC game show, "The Chair."

"It's a good thing to be self-deprecating and have a sense of humor," McEnroe said. "Hopefully that will be something they see that they didn't expect. I didn't show it very well when I was playing, that's for sure. But I'm able to show it when I'm in a different environment."

He's hardly shied away from his short-fuse image, titling his autobiography "You Cannot Be Serious" and portraying himself in the movies, "Anger Management" and "Mr. Deeds."

Age has matured, if not mellowed, him, he said.

He occasionally finds himself losing control in relatively meaningless senior tennis matches, even when winning or losing meant little to his paycheck.

"I think, 'What am I doing this for? There's no reason to do it. Why do I care? Why am I freaking out?'" he said. "Some of it is that people expect it. But some of it is that I've gen-

uinely gone over the edge."

The dinner table is loud at the McEnroe home. McEnroe has custody of his three children with actress Tatum O'Neal and his wife, rock singer Patty Smyth, also has a child from a previous relationship. They have two kids on their own.

That sounds like a sitcom or, in this era, a reality show.

"I say no one could ever top Ozzy's first year," he said, "so don't even bother trying."

A recently registered Democrat, McEnroe wore a John Kerry button on the lapel of his jeans jacket.

He recalled rushing home from London in 1984 to vote for Ronald Reagan, but his plane was diverted and he was unable to vote. By the time he reached the ground, television commentators were already declaring Reagan the winner, anyway.

The experience heightened his cynicism so much he didn't vote again until 2000.

"An unregistered cynic is the phrase I would use," he said. "I've come to realize that's a copout."

He wants politicians as guests - he admires Sen. John McCain - but McEnroe will leave the pontificating to his 10 p.m. competitors, Greta Van Susteren and Aaron Brown.

## Faulty gearbox derails Paul Newman's run

**SALISBURY, Conn. (AP)—**Paul Newman was knocked out of the American GT Challenge sports car race by a faulty gearbox.

Newman, driving a Chevrolet Corvette on Saturday, was running in the top three for about two-thirds of the race before mechanical troubles forced him out with approximately 15 minutes remaining.

The 79-year-old Oscar winner wound up finishing 15th in the 19-car field. The winner was Eric Curran of South Deerfield, Mass.

"We lost the gearbox and I started sliding around out there," Newman said. "I was having a good time up until that point."

Actor and race car driver Paul Newman enters his Corvette for the ride to pit lane for the American GT Challenge at Lime Rock Park in Lakeville, Conn., Saturday, July 3, 2004.

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## Garcia films 'Lost City' scenes in palace

**SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP)—**The Cuban flag was hung from a balcony of the Dominican National Palace for the benefit of actor Andy Garcia.

The building was being used Saturday in the filming of "The Lost City," which the Cuban-born Garcia is both

Cuban-born actor Andy Garcia poses at the Four Seasons Hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif., in this Jan. 29, 1999 file photo.

AP

acting in and directing.

Explosions were detonated inside the palace to recreate a failed assault on Cuba's presidential palace during the revolution that eventually led to Fidel Castro's triumph in 1959.

The 48-year-old Garcia, whose family left the island nation when he was 5, has been a staunch critic of Castro.

The Dominican government has allowed the filmmakers to use its facilities in an effort to boost the country's film indus-

try. Filmmakers were paying about \$2,300 in fees for the use of streets and monuments, officials said.

Garcia said the film focuses on the transition in Cuba from President Fulgencio Batista's rule to Castro's takeover. Garcia's character, a cabaret owner, eventually leaves the country to go into exile in New York.

Garcia's other acting credits include "Ocean's Eleven," "The Untouchables" and "The Godfather: Part III."



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# Pastimes

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Shannon Essenpreis wins Jr. Miss crown

MOBILE, Ala. (AP)—Texan Shannon Essenpreis was crowned America's Junior Miss after belting out a Broadway showtune and soaring through interviews with her "bubbly" personality.

Though Essenpreis was crowned Saturday night, television viewers won't see it until July as producers switch to a "reality TV" format. PAX Network camera crews followed the 50 contestants for two weeks leading up to Saturday's contest.

Essenpreis was among five finalists who were given on-the-spot questions tailored to their individual interests. She was asked how she would use the enthusiasm she's displayed as her school's mascot into her planned career as a broadcast journalist.

"I was so nervous," she said after the show. "And the question was so long that by the end of it, I wasn't sure what they were asking me."

Her answer? She'll report on the positive aspects of life while maintaining her personal optimism.

After the contest, Heisman Trophy winner and Junior Miss judge Herschel Walker said he was particularly impressed with Essenpreis' charm and "bubbly" character in her interview last week. Essenpreis won a \$50,000 scholarship.



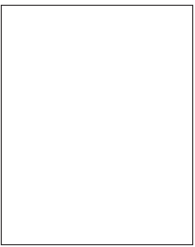








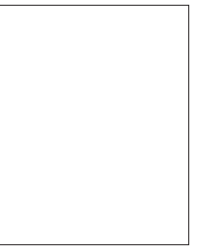




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